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SUMMARY: IN MEETING WITH SOUTH KOREAN GOODWILL DELEGATION HEADED BY FORMER P. M. PAEK, GENERAL AMIN PLEDGED SUPPORT IN UN FOR ALL MOVES INTENDED TO BRING ABOUT PEACE BETWEEN TWO KOREAS. PAEK REQUESTED UGANDAN SUPPORT FOR POSTPONEMENT OF UN DEBATE ON KOREA AND OF ACTION ON NORTH KOREA' S APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP. AMIN WAS NON- COMMITTAL. IN RESPONSE TO AMIN' S ADVICE AGAINST RELIANCE ON AMERICA, PAEK SAID U. S. PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA IS BASED ON UN RESOLUTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT AMIN MET WITH VISITING SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION MAY 15 AND PLEDGED UGANDAN SUPPORT IN THE UN FOR ALL MOVES INTENDED TO BRING ABOUT PEACE BETWEEN TWO KOREAS. WITHOUT
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PEACE, HE SAID, THERE COULD BE NO DEVELOPMENT. AMIN STATED

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THAT ALL COUNTRIES MUST DEFEND THEIR PEOPLE AND ECONOMIES
AND MUST BE STRONG MILITARILY " IN ORDER TO SPEAK LOUD LIKE
UGANDA."

2. AMIN WELCOMED THE SOUTH KOREAN ENVOY, MR. TOO CHIN PAEK,
AS " A BEST FRIEND OF UGANDA" AND MENTIONED THE MANY KOREAN
DOCTORS WORKING IN UGANDA. HE SAID HE WOULD VISIT SOUTH KOREA
WHEN HE HAD TIME AND THAT A HIGH MILITARY DELEGATION WOULD
VISIT SOUTH KOREA IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

3. AMIN ADVISED NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA TO DO EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO REACH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT
ELDERS FROM EACH COUNTRY SHOULD MEET TO SOLVE ANY PROBLEMS
WHICH ARISE. HE SAID HE HAD PASSED ON THIS ADVICE TO THE
NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION WHICH RECENTLY VISITED UGANDA.

4. PAEK RESPONDED TO AMIN' S REMARKS BY CITING SIMILARITIES
BETWEEN UGANDA AND SOUTH KOREA. " BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE SUFFERED
COLONIALISM, ARE BOTH DEVELOPING NATIONS, AND THE LEADERS OF
BOTH ARE GENERALS." POINTING OUT THAT SOUTH KOREA EXPELLED
ALL JAPANESE FROM KOREA IN 1945, PAEK CONGRATULATED AMIN ON
UGANDA' S ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

5. PAEK REQUESTED UGANDAN SUPPORT FOR POSTPONEMENT OF DEBATE
ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UN AND OF ACTION ON NORTH KOREA' S
APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP. HE EXPLAINED THAT DISCUSSION
OF BOTH ISSUES WOULD BE PREMATURE BECAUSE THE TWO KOREAS
WERE NOW ENGAGED IN UNIFICATION TALKS. AMIN SAID HE WOULD
DO HIS BEST TO INFORM SOUTH KOREA' S PRESIDENT OF HIS DECISION
ON THESE MATTERS AND WOULD DISCUSS THE ISSUES WITH NORTH KOREA
AND OTHER WORLD LEADERS.

6. AMIN TOLD PAEK THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD COMPLAINED
ABOUT THE LARGE U. S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA. HE
SAID SOUTH KOREA SHOULD BE SELF RELIANT AND SHOULD NOT DEPEND
ON AMERICA BECAUSE " SHE WOULD CONFUSE THEM". PAEK INFORMED
AMIN THAT THE U. S. PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA IS BASED ON UN
RESOLUTIONS AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WWITH PEACEFUL MOVEMENTS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. NO REACTION OF AMIN TO THIS
STATEMENT WAS REPORTED.
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